# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:225
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2001
ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES IN PROMOTING PRIMARY EDUCATION
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the role of World Bank, UNESCO and other International agencies in promoting primary education in various States;

(b) the amount of assistance provided by these agencies for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the said amount was actually utilised by all the States for promoting primary education; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.225 ASKED BY PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT FOR ANSWER ON 13.3.2001 REGARDING `ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES IN PROMOTING PRIMARY EDUCATION`

(a) Various international agencies, namely the World Bank, European Community(EC), Department For International Development of UK (DFID), UNICEF and the Government of Netherlands are presently providing assistance for the primary education sector through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) in 248 districts of 18 States. World Bank has also provided assistance for the State Sector Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Project. Besides, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency(SIDA) had been providing assistance for the implementation of Lok Jumbish and Shiksha Karmi Projects in the field of primary education in Rajasthan. These projects are now being funded by DFID, UK.A community based primary education programme, JANSHALA has been launched in 8 States in collaboration with five UN agencies namely, UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNFPA and ILO.UNICEF and UNESCO are also providing assistance for certain projects relating to research studies and other interventions in the field of elementary education.

(b) to (d) : Total external assistance amounting to Rs. 3223.00 crores has been tied up for DPEP, UP-Basic Education Project, Lok Jumbish Project, Shiksha Karmi Project and JANSHALA Programme during the last three years (1997-98 to 1999-2000). Expenditure during the said period was Rs. 2748.72 crores and reimbursement by the external funding agencies was Rs. 2406.45 crores.

The said external assistance is being utilised in the states for the development of primary education through various interventions like construction of school buildings and additional classrooms, providing drinking water/toilet facilities, teacher training, appointment of additional teachers, school mapping exercises, community based initiatives, capacity building, institutional development etc. State-wise position of expenditure and reimbursement by external funding agencies under various projects/schemes is given in the Annex.